

Application No. 09/932,430
Amendment dated July 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 25, 2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 25, 2005, claims 1-25 were allowed, while claims 26-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,162,132 to Yoneyama ("Yoneyama '132") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,273,283 to Bowland ("Bowland '283") and U.S. Patent No. 6,364,788 to Helmstetter ("Helmstetter '788"), and claims 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly anticipated by Yoneyama '132.

For economy of prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 26-30 without prejudice. Applicants have also added new claims 31-60.

New Claims 31-60

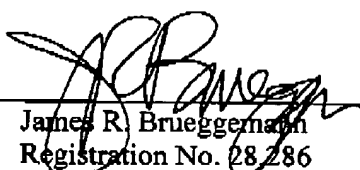
Applicants have added new independent claims 31 and 52, and new dependent claims 32-51 and 52-60. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

This application should now be in condition for a favorable action. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in allowance, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. Please charge the Issue fee, along with any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1853, concurrently with issuing the Notice of Allowance.

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